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SUBJ: ASHRAF PAHLAVI FOUNDATION ESTABLISHED

1. PRESS APRIL 14 CARRIED ANNOUNCEMENT THAT SHAH HAD ACCEPTED PRINCESS ASHRAF'S DONATION OF ALL HER PERSONAL POSSESSIONS TO A TRUST FUND FOR PROMOTION OF LEARNING IN IRAN AND ABROAD. FOYAL FARMAN SAID SHAH WOULD SARVE AS PATRON OF FOUNDATION AND ASHRAF AS HIS DEPUTY. LATER SAME DAY COURT MINISTER ALAM MET WITH PRESS TO PRESENT CHARTER FOR FOUNDATION AND NAMES OF FIFTEEN PERSONS ON BOARD OF TRUSTEES. THESE HAVE NOT YET BEEN MADE PUBLIC.

2. ASHRAF'S CHIEF OF SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS, ABDOL REZA ANSARI, TOLD EMBOFF FOUNDATION WOULD PROBABLY HAVE AN ADDITIONAL FUNDING OF ONE HUNDRED MILLION RIALS (OVER DOLS1.4 MILLION). CHARTER OF FOUNDATION IS EXPECTED TO LAY OUT TYPES OF PROGRAMS WHICH MAY BE UNDERTAKEN. ALTHOUGH THERE IS NO DIRECT RELATIONSHIP TO IMPERIAL ORGANIZATION FOR SOCIAL SERVICES WHICH ASHRAF ALSO HEADS, ANSARI SAID THERE MAY BE SOME OVERLAPPING OF PROGRAMS.

3. IN HER STATEMENT TO PRESS, ASHRAF SAID, "AFTER 35 YEARS OF SERVICE, HARD WORK AND GAINING OF EXPERIENCE IN VARIOUS FIELDS ADN AFTER RECOGNIZING THE VARIOUS PROBLEMS FACING THE HUMAN SOCIETY, I FIND MYSELF MORE READY THAN EVER BEFORE TO IMPLEMENT THE DREAMS THAT I HAVE HAD FOR SEVERAL YEARS."

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SHE NOTED THAT HER DECISION COINCIDED WITH GOLDEN GUBILEE OF

THE PAHLAVI DYNASTY.
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